

COMBINING ICE AND DAIRY HOUSE

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This is the time of year to build an icehouse. A happy, goodhearted neighbor admitted in his comical way that he had always wanted an icehouse—in summer—but there was no ice at that time to fill it. In winter it was cold enough without it.

Every farm should have an icehouse, and every farm should have a dairy house. There is economy in combining the two. The illustrations show the perspective and floor plan of a combination farm icehouse and dairy, large enough to handle the milk from a good-sized herd of milkers. The icehouse is large enough to hold a cube of ice 16 feet in diameter. To keep well there should be considerable bulk of ice together in one block.

In this design the dairy wing is built to the south, which helps to protect the south side of the icehouse from the hot summer sun. Also, a dairy room needs considerable sunshine, so it works right both ways.

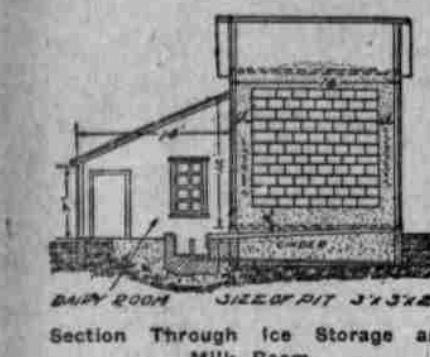


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The foundation of both the icehouse and dairy is of concrete made into one solid wall extending all the way around. Above the wall both houses are built of wood, using studding, matched boards and drop siding. Next to the studding is one thickness of building paper, then matched ceiling boards are blind-nailed on the inside and drop-siding is used for the outside boarding, leaving a hollow dead-air space between. It is a mistake to pack this space with sawdust, because the sawdust rots down at the bottom and settles in spots, leaving holes.

To preserve the ice from melting, the first attention should be given to drainage. It is absolutely necessary that the water should get away from the bottom. If ice stands in water it melts away rapidly.

The section drawing shows the manner in which the house is constructed in regard to drainage. The space



Section Through Ice Storage and Milk Room.

between the concrete walls under the ice is filled with chaff, pounded down. Above the chaff is a slanting floor of concrete, then a layer of sawdust a foot deep. This makes the very best foundation for ice in a farm icehouse. There are other methods of keeping ice in large commercial storage plants, but what interests the farmers is a cheap, practical way of preserving ice for home use.

There is a drainage system to the icehouse which works in connection with the concrete floor drains. The center drain leads into a cement pit in the dairy room, so that the cold drip water from the ice keeps the water in the pit. This pit is where the cans of milk are kept cold over night.

There is a drain pipe leading away from the bottom of the cold-water tank to carry off the surplus water. This drain is fitted with a hollow plug, which reaches high enough to hold the water at the right level.

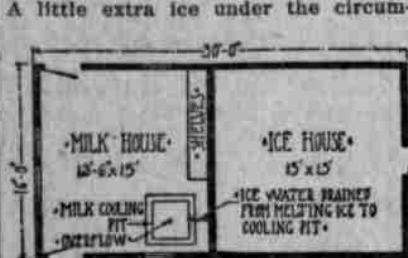
The icehouse doors reach from the sill almost to the peak, making one continuous opening, so that the ice can be put in at any level, as the house is being filled.

A handy way to lift the cakes of ice is with a hayfork, and a pair of heavy ice tongs. A single rope is attached to the tongs and passed over the holding pulley in the track carriage at the top and run through a single sheave at the bottom, so that a horse can quickly lift a cake of ice to any height necessary. This plan is usually by breaking joints the same as

Horses on Simple Pass. The horses of the Simpson post diligence—the coach which carries mail and passengers to the villages on the Simpson pass between Italy and Switzerland—are particularly well cared for, an exchange states. The road to the top is a steady pull of 15 miles over a macadamized track. The horses are driven at a fast walk. Five miles up they are watered. At the ten-mile station they are fed about a peck of black bread (rye or barley) cut into mouthfuls; this makes a light

in brickwork, leaving a space of 12 inches all around the outside. It is much better to pack the ice in the coldest weather, to use a hose or throw pails of water over each layer to freeze the cakes of ice together into a solid body as near as possible. Sawdust enough is needed to pack all around the ice and for a layer 12 inches or two feet deep over the top. Where sawdust cannot be obtained, clean straw or hay that has been run through the cutting box will answer the purpose, and if carefully handled will keep the ice in a very satisfactory manner. However, sawdust is much to be preferred, and when figuring the cost it is well to remember that the same sawdust may be used for several years by taking good care to keep it clean and to dry it out in summer. Sawdust from pitch pine logs is the best.

The principle of keeping ice on a farm is a little different from the commercial proposition, where ice is stored in the winter to sell out in summer. The farmer usually fills his own icehouse. He does the work in the winter when help and horses would otherwise be practically valueless. A little extra ice under the circumstances costs the farmer nothing, so that he does not figure it as a real loss if the meltage is considerable. On the other hand, if it keeps extra well and he has a surplus, there is always sale for it in August and September.



Floor Plan of Ice and Milk House.

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It is better to clear the icehouse out before the cold nights come on, to give it a chance to dry out before being refilled. When considerable ice is left in the house, it is a temptation to put new ice on top of the old, but this is a mistake. The icehouse should be cleaned out clear down to the bottom every year. This gives an opportunity

to examine the drainage and to start right with the next filling. The management of an icehouse is as simple as rolling off a log, but there are a few little things to remember. When you roll off a log you don't want to strike your nose. When you fill an icehouse you want to do it in such a way that most of the ice will stay in the house until you are ready to take it.

The dairy in this plan is intended for a farm where the milk is sold either in cans or bottles. There is room for a milk cooler and a small bottle suitable for a dairy of 40 cows. The dairy floor space is 13 feet 6 inches by 15 feet, which gives room for a cream separator, bottling machine, sink to wash utensils, and a few storage shelves.

The same space may be used differently when the milk is separated and the skim milk fed to young stock, and the cream shipped away for sale, or when the cream is made into butter at home.

Speaking of Mosquitoes! Everybody knows Pete Nichols. He works on the Lehigh and New England railroad, and everyone connected with that reputation is known for truth and veracity. Pete came last night to the reading room of the Morrison the other day somewhat excited, and broke out with: "Youse fellows don't know nothin' about real musketeers. Today we was stopped for time at Glenwood Junction. George Bush was dodging around in his cap trying to get out of the way of a bat. Harry Seegar was looking for Sam Perry's poker. I run out to the creek and borrowed a feller's landin' net. The hull crew an' sum of the passengers got after me woodcock, 'gud im in the net. It was nothin' but an ordinary musketeer. At the post-mortem we measured his blood an' there was just a pint an' a half of it. Since that time Harry Seegar wears a baseball mask on 'is head after leavin' Sussex at nine. Sam Vandruft has gone on a vacation till cold weather sets in. He takes daily baths in oil of citronella. The passengers' receipts never fell off a half."—Sussex (N. J.) Independent.

Powerful Geyser. The Waimangu geyser at Rotorua, in New Zealand, the largest geyser on the island, which in its period of eruption threw huge columns of water, black mud, rocks and stones to a height of fifteen hundred feet and more, but which the past eleven years has remained quiet, has again become active. It recently blew out a new crater, 80 yards long by 75 yards wide, and about 20 feet deep. In that first explosion, during which it buried mud and stones more than a thousand feet into the air, it formed twenty mud "boilers" that threw out thirty feet high, and opened seven broad steam holes, from which steam escaped on a great pressure. Some of the sand and mud that it sent up was, it is said, carried as far as Lake Rotomahana, three and a half miles away. At last accounts jets of steam were issuing from the many fissures in the crater wall.—Youth's Companion.

Excitement in Japan Caused by Opposition to Soldier's Wish That He Should Die.

A great to-do has been made in Japan over the killing of the Count Nogri's family by the appointment of a new Count Nogri not related to the grim soldier of Port Arthur and Mukden—particularly as the act is directly in opposition to the last will of Count Nogri himself. Heated discussions were held at the public meeting opposing the creation of the new Count Nogri, says East and West News. The subject is an extremely delicate one and cuts deep into Japanese spiritual susceptibilities. The Imperial view is that so great a name should not disappear from living Japan—an idea that is basic in the Imperial family itself, and is the essence of the survival of title among the ancient lords or daimios, to whom hundreds of titles were preserved by adopting names in default of direct heirs. The surviving relatives of General Nogri have been made to see the light, have

lunch, sustaining but not as difficult of digestion as oats. At the top of the pass, at noon, the horses are given an hour and half to rest and are well fed and watered. The return trip of the horses is made with a brake on the wheels most of the way, so that the horses trot freely and without the strain of holding back.

Care of House Plants. Spray and wash the foliage of house plants frequently, if you would keep them in good health.

Hard Labor. "So, you want more money, do you?" remarked the stern parent. "Why don't you go to work? You never earned a cent in your life." "Why father, how do you talk," rejoined the young man, "I'm sure I have never worked harder than I do in trying to get a dollar out of you now and then."

A Problem. "What's the matter, Bessie?" "I'm trying to decide whether I'd rather have a man offer me his burning love or treat me to ice cream."

Modern Reflection. "Do you believe that things general go in cycles?" "Well, I've seen some awful things come on motor-cycles."

Jeinism. The temple-city of Palitana is the greatest in extent and the most complete historical monument of Jainism. The pilgrims' way up the mountain has resthouses at intervals; the win summits—each about 350 yards in length—are entirely covered with the temples, built by the pious of over a thousand years—street after street, square after square, in a vast enclosure from which all the activities of man are rigidly excluded. The city is kept strictly Jeana. Apart from the

pilgrims, the daytime population consists of a number of priests and attendants; but at night the holy city is deserted. Every considerable city in India has contributed to its ascetic wealth; and the hundreds of temples, with their highly ornate decorations, represent the whole evolution of Jain religious belief.

Hardly. You cannot expect a man to tell which way the wind is simply because he is a little vain.

Nothing more laudatory authority than a too frequent or indiscreet use of the word "I" to itself is continual, it would excite no more terror than the noise of a mill.

Faithful, earnest work in any department strengthens the character.—Anna Swanwick.

Without adversity a man hardly knows whether he is honest or not.—Fielding.

Do not think that years leave us and find us the same!—Owen Meredith.

Be true to your ancestry; but also be worthy of posterity.—Rev. T. Rhonda Williams.

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance. It is laying hold of his great willingness.—Archbishop Trench.

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

He who never does wrong never does very much, anyway.

Freeish supply Mrs. Austin's Bag Bucky, fresh now on hand at your grocers.—Adv.

It doesn't pay to own things you use for.



RIVERSIDE FRUIT MARKET, GUAYAQUIL.

GUAYAQUIL, like New York, is one of the cities which have been to Chicago might have been somewhere else and likewise Paris, London, Vienna, or Berlin, but not Guayaquil. No intelligent scheme of world building, no readjustment of countries or of boundaries, no racial conquest could minimize the importance of the spots whereon Guayaquil and New York stand. These spots are international commercial nodes, such because the conformation of the oceans and the continents being what it is, at these points the lines of travel meet and cross. But more than this it is here that the lands and the seas join on terms of the greatest mutual advantage in all that goes to pay tribute to man's commercial activities, as the Bulletin of the Pan-American Union.

Guayaquil has all the natural advantages. It is at the meeting of the sea routes. Only San Francisco and Panama along the whole Pacific coast of North and South America can rival it in this respect. But the three occupy separate spheres and so are not rivals in any sense. Guayaquil is on the only navigable river from middle California to Cape Horn, and this river, on the other hand, is the best tip bent. The straight line, running nearly north and south, extends about 140 miles from Cape Blanco in Peru

to La Puntilla in Ecuador. From these two points the land and water lines of the two remaining sides converge northeast and southeast, respectively, to a point about two-thirds the altitude of the triangle. Here the southern line running northeast bends sharply to nearly north, and the northern line running southeast bends northeast. This change of direction produces the turned-over tip pointing north. At the base of the smaller triangle forming the tip lies the island of Puna. Behind Puna is the inner bay or greater harbor of Guayaquil. The extreme tip of the small triangle loses itself in the Guayas river. The Guayas river itself, however, is a delta and one of the two such that flow into the turned-up tip of the Gulf of Guayaquil.

The city of Guayaquil and the lesser port is situated about 33 miles up the Guayas river at a point where this river divides into two main branches, both coming down from the north, the Daule and the Bodegas. Above Guayaquil, the two rivers are mergeable and subdivide into innumerable branches running out fanlike. So that the Guayas river system is shaped somewhat like an hourglass but with the one end many times larger than the other. Guayaquil is at the neck of the hourglass, where the main stems of the Daule and the Bodegas join to form the Guayas. But almost immediately as it flows south the Guayas begins to divide and divide into a delta flowing into the closed-in end of the gulf. What we have called the second delta is per-

haps more properly speaking a small archipelago named the Estero Salado, the Salt Estuary. It is about 140 miles as extensive as the Guayas delta but aims a smaller territory, not counting the rivers above Guayaquil. These are the main waterways, but in addition scores of lesser rivers and creeks flow directly into the Gulf of Guayaquil. Many of these lesser rivers come down from the high mountains lying immediately to the east, for it must be remembered that the Gulf of Guayaquil at the point where the tip begins to turn up reaches inland almost to the high Andes.

What we have called the greater harbor of Guayaquil, lying behind Puna Island, is entered by the Jambeil channel to the southeast, which at its narrowest point is about 100 miles wide, or the Morro channel on the northwest, a little over a mile wide. The former is the customary entrance, as the Morro channel is difficult and dangerous for large vessels on account of the numerous small islands and banks.

Vessels drawing 22 feet of water can ascend the Guayas river up to the city of Guayaquil; larger vessels anchor at Puna on the island of Puna in the greater harbor.

Held Back by Poor Sanitation. With all its advantages so clearly marking it out as a great world mart one naturally asks, Why has not Guayaquil advanced further than it has on the manifest road of destiny? The reasons are many, and each has played its part in keeping Guayaquil in the background. There is, however, one reason, which without doubt more than any other has had this effect, and that is the poor sanitation of the city. We are living under the most favorable conditions which Guayaquil has borne for over a century.

Port sanitation is a port's chastity. Without it, its sister ports of all the world treat it as a place to be shunned and refused association. No boycott is more complete or more merciless than the boycott of quarantine, and quarantine against Guayaquil is scarcely ever lifted. Ecuadorians have complained and do yet complain against the city they term the "island of the permanent quarantine." They point out that where for periods of six months or more there has been no case of yellow fever or plague at Guayaquil, yet there has been no relaxing of the quarantine regulations.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 12

JEHOVAH YEARNS OVER ISRAEL.

LESSON TEXT—Hosea 11:1-11. GOLDEN TEXT—I have yearned with cords of a man, with bands of love.—Hosea 11:4.

A contemporary of Isaiah and Amos, Hosea continued to prophesy after the first captivity of the northern kingdom. His style is abrupt and figurative. Israel is Jehovah's adulterous wife, repudiated, but finally to be purified and restored. This lesson is a part of the second section of the book (4:1-13:8), which is a description of the sinful people.

"The Perverse Child," vv. 1-7. The "Perverse Child" (6:1-3) had cried out for relief. (See Isa. 1:3; Rom. 2:5.) Jehovah's reply (begins 6:4) is a severe arraignment of Israel's backsliding as contrasted with his grace. To understand this lesson read the entire book repeatedly. In verse 1 of the lesson Jehovah recalls to the nation the days of its childhood. Because of his great love (Deut. 7:7) he called them out of Egypt, the land of bondage into Canaan, the land of blessing and liberty. Yet Israel seemed to forget his obligation of gratitude. We are living under the greatest obligation because of the greater redemption God has provided for us in the person of His Son. God here calls Israel "my son" (Ex. 4:22); we have the right to call ourselves sons (John 1:12; 1 John 3:12). Matthew's gospel applies these words to him who is alone was fully and in the true sense God's son. Jesus is the summary of the whole nation in that he alone fully realized God's purpose in Israel (Matt. 21:15).

As contrasted with what a son is or should be, Hosea 2 gives a picture of Israel's wandering. The whole history of the nation is one of going after false gods. (1 Sam. 8:7-9 and many other references.) In those childhood days (v. 2) Jehovah taught them how to walk, and heeded their hurts, "but they knew not"—God, as a tender Father, had watched over, taught, guided and healed (Ex. 19:14; Isa. 46:3; 63:9). Even so, in this present age God is a God of mercy and long suffering (Rom. 2:4); yet the mass of men "know not" what God is doing for them. In verse 4 the child is grown older and as mothers often toward a child lest it run away, so Jehovah endeavors to draw Israel to him with "cords of love." His cord of love now is the mighty power of Christ (John 1:12). Jehovah not only drew but even sought to catch the "laid meat unto them"—Jesus will deliver us, for he bore our yoke (Matt. 11:28-30) and is for us the Bread of Life (John 6:35, 58). Love does not mean that the backslider against the city they term the "island of the permanent quarantine." They point out that where for periods of six months or more there has been no case of yellow fever or plague at Guayaquil, yet there has been no relaxing of the quarantine regulations.

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